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ASPECTS

1. SUMMARY. IN MAJOR /STATE OF UNION" SPEECH MARCH 28
TO UNPRECEDENTED JOINT SESSION OF MAJOR PARTY AND STATE
BODIES, CEAUSESCU GAVE PRIMARY EMPHASIS TO REVIEW OF
DOMESTIC ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN POLICY. THIS CABLE REPORTS
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASPECTS. CEAUSESCU LAID PRINCIPAL
EMPHASIS ON NATION-BY-NATION REVIEW OF BI-LATERAL RELATIONS,
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ANNOUNCED VISITES WITH FOUR EAST EUROPEAN LEADERS THIS YEAR,
REAFFIRMED CLOSE TIES WITH PRC, UNDERLINED DESIRE FOR
EVEN CLOSER RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES, AND HINTED AT
WISH FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. HE
ALSO DISCUSSED BALKAN COOPERATION, CSCE, DISARMAMENT,
AND NEED FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. WE
HAVE HEARD SOME GRUMBLING THAT SUCH A CONVOCATION DID
NOT PRODUCE DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS, ESPECIALLY CONNECTED
WITH EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY, BUT RATHER PRODUCED A RE-HASH
(AND ALSO A HANDY INDEX) OF MANY CEAUSESCU IDEAS HEARD AD-NAUSIUM.

END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU DELIVERED MARATHON 5-HOUR SPEECH MARCH 28 ON DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY TO UNPRECEDENTED JOINT SESSION OF RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE, GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, SUPREME COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHER HIGH-RANKING PARTY AND GOVERNMENT ACTIVISTS. INITIAL SECTION OF ADDRESS DEALT BRIEFLY WITH NEED TO ELIMINATE EARTHQUAKE AFTEREFFECTS AND WITH PLANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND RECOUPING ECONOMIC LOSSES, BUT BULK OF SPEECH CONSISTED OF LENGTHY REVIEW OF GOR'S "IMPRESSIVE" DOMESTIC ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE AND ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DURING PAST YEAR. TOPICS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IN SPEECH--GOR'S CURRENT ANTI-EMIGRATION CAMPAIGN (BUCHAREST 2426) AND APPARENTLY NEW ELABORATION OF CEAUSESCU'S CONCEPT OF "POLITICAL PLURALISM" (BUCHAREST 2648)--ARE SUBJECTS OF SEPTELS, AS IS SPEECH'S ECONOMIC ASPECTS. ASSUME FBIS HAS FULL TEXT.

3. IN INTRODUCTORY SECTION, CEAUSESCU NOTED THAT ROMANIA HAS DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR RELATIONS WITH 129 STATES AND TRADE RELATIONS WITH MORE THAN 140 COUNTRIES. IN LAST 15 MONTHS, CEAUSESCU VISITED 13 COUNTRIES WHILE 12 HEADS OF STATE MADE OFFICIAL VISITS HERE. CEAUSESCU THEN REVIEWED ROMANIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH MOST OF THOSE 129 STATES. HIGHLIGHTS:
--SOVIET UNION WAS DESCRIBED AS "OUR GREAT EASTERN
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NEIGHBOR", A FORMULATION WE HAVE NOT SEEN FOR SOME TIME.
--YUGOSLAVIA, IN SECOND PLACE, SHOWED AN "ASCENDING EVOLUTION" IN RELATIONS; FREQUENT CEAUSESCU-TITO MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE.
--BULGARIA - WARM PRAISE FOR JOINT PROJECTS AND FREQUENT CEAUSESCU-ZHIVKOV CONTACTS.
--HUNGARY - MEETING WITH KADAR (LOCALE UNSPECIFIED) IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS YEAR.
--GDR - CEAUSESCU WILL VISIT THERE THIS YEAR.
--POLAND - CEAUSESCU WILL VISIT WARSAW THIS YEAR. (COMMENT: POLISH AMBASSADOR TOLD US THIS VISIT WILL BE CEAUSESCU'S VISIT TO EASTERN EUROPE IN 1977 AND HINTED IT COULD BE AS EARLY AS MAY.)
--CZECHOSLOVAKIA - HUSAK WILL VISIT HERE THIS YEAR.
--CHINA - "WE SHALL ACT MOST FIRMLY IN THE FUTURE TO AMPLIFY THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY".
--"SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES IN GENERAL - "DIVERGENCIES WHICH STILL EXIST AMONG SOME OF THESE STATES MUST BE OVERCOME." THESE COUNTRIES NOW ACCOUNT FOR 45 PERCENT OF ROMANIA'S FOREIGN TRADE. ROMANIA WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN CEMA AND WARSAW PACT, BASED ON FULLY EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL MEMBERS.
--BALKAN NATIONS - CONTINUED ROMANIAN EMPHASIS ON

BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION AND
A CALL FOR ANOTHER "ECONOMIC CONFERENCE," DATE
UNSPECIFIED. BALKAN COOPERATION "DOES NOT HARM
NAY COUNTRY OR ROUP OF COUNTRIES."

--EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET - EEC'S "RESTRICTIVE MEASURES
AND NEW BARRIERS" SUCH AS RECENT FISHING REGULATIONS
INHIBIT ECONOMIC COLLABORATION AND CONTRAVENE HELSINKI
SPIRIT.

--AUSTRIA - SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL PRAISE FOR "UNDER-
STANDING HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF BETTER (BILATERAL)
COOPERATION."

--MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, AND LATIN AMERICA - NOTHING NEW;
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ALL ARE IN STAGE OF "ASCENDING RELATIONS."

--UNITED STATES - "THERE ARE CONDITIONS FOR THE EXCHANGES
AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES TO MAKE
EVER GREATER PROGRESS IN THE FUTURE." RECENT EXCHANGE
OF MESSAGES WITH PRESIDENT CARTER HAVE SHOWN" OUR COMMON
DETERMINATION TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE RELATIONS BETWEEN
TH TWO COUNTRIES IN MANY FIELDS, INCLUDING COLLABORATION
IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF COMPLEX
ISSUES, AS WELL AS THE COMMON WISH TO CONTINUE THE
TOP-LEVEL ROMANIAN-AMERICAN DIALOGUE."

--CANADA - DESIRE FOR SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT
ON NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTALLTIONS.

4. MULTILATERAL TOPICS - ON CSCE, CEAUSESCU REPEATED
OFTEN-VOICED STATEMENT THAT TOO LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE
CONCRETELY SINCE HELSINKI, AND BELGRADE MUST GIVE "A NEW AND
POWERFUL IMPETUS" TO PROCESS. CEAUSESCU URGED CONVENING
MANY EUROPE-WIDE CONFERENCES ON ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL
MATTERS, AND AGAIN ENDORSED SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR MEETINGS
ON TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT. HE ALSO UNDER-
LINED NEED FOR ALL STATES TO HAVE FULL ACCESS TO MODERN
TECHNOLOGY. ON DISARMAMENT, ARMS RACE WAS DEPLORED,
STANDARD ROMANIAN PROPOSALS REPEATED, AND GREATER ROLE
URGED FOR U.N. AND SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COUNTRIES.
FINALLY, CEAUSESCU ISSUED ONE OF HIS TRADITIONAL RINGING CALLS FOR
ANEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND AN ALL-OUT FIGHT AGAINST
UNDERDEVELOPMENT, IMPERIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, "BRAIN DRAIN", AND
RACISM. CEAUSESCU AGAIN EXPLICITLY ENDORSED A SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF
DEVELOPING STATES. ROMANIA HOPES TO INCREASE ITS PERCENTAGE
OF TRADE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FROM THE PRESENT 21.3
PERCENT TO 25 PERCENT BY 1980. ROMANIA WILL CONTINUE ITS
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S, IN ADDITION TO TRAINING STUDENTS
FROM THESE COUNTRIES (10,000 AT PRESENT).

5. COMMENT: TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, A JOINT MEETING OF TOP-
LEVEL PARTY AND STATE BODIES IS UNPRECEDENTED BUT IS CONSISTENT
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WITH CEAUSESCU'S USE OF PARTY STATE BODIES ON OTHER LEVELS. SUCH A CONVOCATION CREATED A HIGHLY EXPECTANT ATMOSPHERE, WITH MAY ANTICIPATING MAJOR AND DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATED TO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION. THEY WERE NOT EXPECTING A DISSERTATION ON ECONOMIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND WE HAVE HEARD GRUMBLINGS OF DISAPPOINTMENT AND RESENTMENT THAT CEAUSESCU SEEMED TO BE MINIMIZING THE PRESENT HUMAN DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY THE EARTHQUAKE IN FAVOR OF MORE ABSTRUSE TOPICS. WHILE SUBSTANTIVELY CEAUSESCU SAID LITTLE NEW OR STARTLING ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THIS SPEECH PROVIDES A HANDY INDEX TO HIS CURRENT THINKING AND HIS INTERNATIONAL PRIORITIES. BARNES

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